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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6502

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SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATED U.S. PROPERTY AND ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP

REF: BANGUI 1697

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1. IN RESPONSE TO CHARGE'S DEMARCHE ON NATIONALIZATIONS
DECEMBER 30 PRESIDENT BOKASSA STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT
MOBIL AND TEXACO PRESIDENTS WITHOUT DELAY TO INVITE THEM TO
COME OR SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BANGUI TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT
OF COMPENSATION REPAYMENT SCHEDULE OR EVEN RESUMPTION OF THEIR
ACTIVITIES AND PROPERTIES IN THE C.A.R. SHOULD THEY SO WISH.
PRESIDENT BOKASSA SAID THAT HE REGRETTED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
HAS BEEN SLOW TO ACT ON THIS MATTER AND THAT THIS HAD LARGELY
BEEN THE CASE BECAUSE HIS SUBORDINATE HAD NOT KEPT HIM ABREAST
OF THE SITUATION. IN THE FUTURE HE SAID THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY
SEE TO IT THAT THE CAR'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE MATTER OF
COMPENSATION OR RESTORATION WERE CARRIED OUT. REITERATING THAT
HE HAD NOT KNOWN THAT MOBIL AND TEXACO WERE AMERICAN COMPANIES
WHEN THEY WERE NATIONALIZED. BOKASSA STATED THAT HE HOPED HIS
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INVITATIONS TO MOBIL AND TEXACO WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO HAVE

THE C.A.R. REINCLUDED IN GSP BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1976,
AND TO AVOID ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES UNDER HICKENLOOPER AND
GONZALEZ AMENDMENTS.

2. EMBASSY OF THE OPINION THAT NOW BOKASSA IN THE ACT
PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING THE PROBLEM DEFINITELY UNDERWAY
AND THAT TALKS WITH COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PRODUCTIVE
AND LEAD TO AMIABLE SETTLEMENT OF ISSUE. EMBASSY BELIVES
BOKASSA'S ACTION SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY "APPROPRIATE STEPS"
FINDING BY INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE AND URGES COMMITTEE TO MAKE
SUCH A DECISION. PLEASE ADVISE.
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